Lafayette County Commission On Aging Advisory Committee Board Meeting Minutes November 26, 2012

Lafayette County Human Services provides an array of cost effective, quality services, and community-based support for individuals and families to improve their quality of life.

Advisory Committee members present: Mary Jo Finkenbinder, Carol Korn, Chris Parkinson, Leean White, Vicki Whitford, Leon Wolfe (John Bartels was absent)

LCHS staff present: Kate Chambers, Kristine Brunkow

Others present:

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. The meeting was called to order by Leon Wolfe at 1:15 p.m. The meeting was properly posted at the Courthouse, City Library, Lafayette County Human Services and e-mailed to The Republican Journal.
- B. Motion by Leean White, second by Chris Parkinson to approve the agenda as posted; carried.
- C. Motion by Carol Korn, second by Mary Jo Finkenbinder to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2012 meeting as printed; carried.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. No public comments were submitted.

III. Monthly Reports:

- A. **Driver Escort**-The month of September had 9 drivers for a total of \$819.64. October had 11 drivers for a total of \$1,353.27.
- B. Transportation-The month of September had 7 shopping trips and the month of October had 9 shopping trips. There were also trips to Holy Hill Ride, Tour of Lafayette, Manor Ride and Sienna Crest in September and October; and to Gays Mills for apples and fall colors.
 - Bus fuel for September was \$1,241.22. Bus repairs total \$235.80 for recharging air condenser, cleaning back heaters and to winterize the bus.
 - Bobby will be putting information regarding the holiday shopping trips in the church bulletins.
- C. **Home Chore Program-**There was 19 clients served in September and 20 clients served in October.
- D. **Upper Horizon Newsletter**-The September newsletter cost \$844.79 and the October newsletter cost \$841.59.
- E. Alzheimer & Dementia Alliance-The month of September had disbursement of \$1,537.11 (July, August and September) and the month of October had disbursement of \$819.64.

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F. Lafayette County Nurses-There were no billings received for September and October as of today.

Medical Alerts-The cost for the month of September for medical alerts was \$1,081.00.

G. ADRC

Elder Benefit Specialist-The EBS worked with 33 individuals in the areas of Legal/Benefit Assistance and Financial Impact. The monetary impact benefit was \$158,149.50.

<u>Disability Benefit Specialist</u>-The DBS worked with 31 individuals in the areas of Medicaid, SSI/SSDI eligibility. Monetary impact benefits \$130,249.

<u>Information & Assistance</u>-There were 92 contacts for October in the areas of Abuse and Neglect, Assistive technology, education, housing, in-home services, legal services and public benefits.

- IV. SUN Program Report-Leon stated the meal sites are asking for an additional \$.25 for meal donations. Vicki Whitford suggested having Cecile get in touch with Linda Gobrecht for possible funding assistance through the Darlington Community Fund.
- V. Lafayette County 2013 85.21 Application- Motion by Vicki Whitford, second by Chris Parkinson to approve the Lafayette County 2013 85.21 Application and send to the Department of Transportation; carried.
- VI. 2013-2015 County Plan for Older People-Kate Chambers indicated she received the plan back and has made the corrections to the plan. The revised plan will be sent out this week.

VII. Director's Report

- A. Ms. Chambers stated she wrote a small grant in the amount of \$1500.00 for MIPPA (Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers). The funding will be used for outreach with the Elderly Benefit Specialist's programming.
- B. Volunteer Day-The week of December 3-7 is American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) Driver Safety Awareness Week. Lafayette County Human Services is providing a day to have the volunteer driver escort's car inspected by the Darlington Police Department. A Thank You was put in the Upper Horizon for their service and the drivers will receive a bag with some emergency items in it (blanket, ice scraper, first aid kit and flashlight). They will receive a new manual from the agency with emergency contact information.
- C. Taking Care of You: Powerful Tools for Caregivers was held in Platteville with Lafayette County individuals in September.
- D. Legal and Financial Planning Seminar was offered in Darlington on November 6 and November 13.
- E. Caregiver Renewal Day was November 15. There were 16 people who attended.

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 - F. ADRC has put up billboards in the County promoting the ADRC. The billboards were up from October 8 through November 4.
 - G. Southwest Family Care Alliance took on Chippewa, Dunn, Eau Claire, Pierce and St. Croix Counties.
 - H. LogistiCare notified the State of Wisconsin that they will terminate the contract with the State of Wisconsin as of February 17, 2013. Secretary Claire Smith from The Department of Health Services stated in a letter "Yesterday, LogistiCare notified us that it plans to terminate its contracts with the Department of Health Services, effective in 90 days on February 17, 2013. As a result of receiving this letter, the Department intends to rewrite and issue a new Request for Proposal (RFP) for a non-emergency medical transportation manager, with updated data, so we can secure a transportation manager who will be able to provide this important benefit to our members as soon as possible."
 - I. Ms. Chambers updated on the status of the new busses: February 6, 2012 was when the application was due; October 2, 2012 notification the application was approved; December 2012-January 2013 the vehicles will be ordered. The busses are scheduled to be delivered 120-270 days after the order was placed.
 - J. Future Events:
 - Human Services will begin merging the ADRC and Aging Units
 - ADRC is putting Medicare Part D information in local newspapers and the Shopping News
 - ADRC is on Facebook
 - Planning on putting Holiday Ads in the Upper Horizon and the local papers
 - Radio spots regarding the ADRC
 - ADRC provided training to the LCHS Receptionist regarding programs and resources
 - ADRC large print calendars are available

VIII. ADJOURN

A. The next meeting was set for **Wednesday**, **January 16**, **2013** at 1:00 p.m.

B. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Leon Wolfe at 2:10 p.m. ΛI

Reviewed by

Kate Chambers, Aging Director

Date

Approved by

Leon Wolfe, Chair

Date